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## European foreword

This document (CEN/TS 17459:2022) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 351 “Construction products: Assessment of release of dangerous substances”, the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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**CEN/TS 17459:2022 (E)****Introduction**

The regulatory and technical background for this document is explained in CEN/TR 17105 [1]. General information on ecotoxicity assessment is also provided there. This document describes the assessment of ecotoxicological properties of eluates of construction products received from horizontal leaching tests harmonized by CEN/TC 351.

Aquatic ecotoxicity tests can be applied to eluates of construction products which come into contact with soil or water in their intended use as described in CEN/TR 16098:2010, 3.2.2.2 *Products relevant for soil, surface water or groundwater* [3] and in CEN/TS 16637-1. The test procedure specified in this document covers construction products defined in the scope. Validation data are provided in Annex A.

This document is recommended to Technical Committees for construction products (product TCs), if they have been mandated to address ecotoxicity in their product standards or if they are interested to include ecotoxicity in a dossier prepared in the context of qualifications for a “without testing” status. This document is also recommended to EOTA in case there is a wish to include ecotoxicity testing in European Assessment Documents.

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## 1 Scope

- 1) This document specifies a test procedure that combines horizontal leaching tests with ecotoxicity tests for the assessment of eluates of the construction products specified in this scope subjected to wet conditions in outdoor use.
- 2) The method specified in this document is intended for the determination of the potential ecotoxicity of eluates extracted out of construction products containing constitutional organic components of main categories of product matrices P (plastics and rubbers), A (sealants and adhesives) or C (paints and coatings) according to CEN/TR 16045.
- 3) Construction products mainly made of inorganic materials: main categories of product matrices S (silica-based and calcareous products) and M (metals) according to CEN/TR 16045 are excluded, unless:
  - the liquid or paste product hardens in direct contact with soil or groundwater; and
  - the used binder contains > 50 % organics by mass.

NOTE 1 This exception mainly refers to products used for soil injection and stabilization, e.g. grouts.

Also, the method is not intended for construction products made of treated or untreated solid wood in main category of product matrix W (wood-based products) according to CEN/TR 16045. For engineered bio-based products the test procedure can be of interest.

- 4) This document is not applicable for the assessment of terrestrial ecotoxicity of construction products.

NOTE 2 Terrestrial ecotoxicity tests for construction products are described in CEN/TR 17105.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CEN/TS 16637-1:2018, *Construction products - Assessment of release of dangerous substances - Part 1: Guidance for the determination of leaching tests and additional testing steps*

CEN/TS 16637-2, *Construction products - Assessment of release of dangerous substances - Part 2: Horizontal dynamic surface leaching test*

CEN/TS 16637-3, *Construction products - Assessment of release of dangerous substances - Part 3: Horizontal up-flow percolation test*

EN 1484, *Water analysis - Guidelines for the determination of total organic carbon (TOC) and dissolved organic carbon (DOC)*

EN 12457-1, *Characterisation of waste - Leaching - Compliance test for leaching of granular waste materials and sludges - Part 1: One stage batch test at a liquid to solid ratio of 2 l/kg for materials with high solid content and with particle size below 4 mm (without or with size reduction)*

EN ISO 5667-16, *Water quality - Sampling - Part 16: Guidance on biotesting of samples (ISO 5667-16)*

EN ISO 6341, *Water quality - Determination of the inhibition of the mobility of *Daphnia magna* Straus (*Cladocera, Crustacea*) - Acute toxicity test (ISO 6341)*

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EN ISO 8692, *Water quality - Fresh water algal growth inhibition test with unicellular green algae (ISO 8692)*

EN ISO 9408, *Water quality - Evaluation of ultimate aerobic biodegradability of organic compounds in aqueous medium by determination of oxygen demand in a closed respirometer (ISO 9408)*

EN ISO 9439, *Water quality - Evaluation of ultimate aerobic biodegradability of organic compounds in aqueous medium - Carbon dioxide evolution test (ISO 9439)*

EN ISO 11348-1, *Water quality - Determination of the inhibitory effect of water samples on the light emission of *Vibrio fischeri* (Luminescent bacteria test) - Part 1: Method using freshly prepared bacteria (ISO 11348-1)*

EN ISO 15088, *Water quality - Determination of the acute toxicity of waste water to zebrafish eggs (*Danio rerio*) (ISO 15088)*

EN ISO 20079, *Water quality - Determination of the toxic effect of water constituents and waste water on duckweed (*Lemna minor*) - Duckweed growth inhibition test (ISO 20079)*

ISO 11350, *Water quality — Determination of the genotoxicity of water and waste water — Salmonella/microsome fluctuation test (Ames fluctuation test)*

ISO 13829, *Water quality — Determination of the genotoxicity of water and waste water using the umu-test*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org>

**3.1 biotesting**  
technique for evaluating the biological effect, either qualitatively or quantitatively, of various substances in water by means of changes in a specified biological activity

Note 1 to entry: Biotesting is a broader term than ecotoxicity test and covers also for instance biodegradability tests.

[SOURCE: ISO 6107:2021, 3.65]

**3.2 biodegradation**  
mineralization of organic compounds by bacteria and fungi to carbon dioxide, water and inorganic compounds

**3.3 control**  
mixture of control medium and organisms used in the test without test sample



**3.4****control medium**

combination of dilution water and/or nutrient medium used in the test

[SOURCE: EN ISO 20079:2006, 3.6]

**3.5****dilution level**

*D*

reciprocal value of the volume fraction of test sample in dilution water in which the test is conducted

EXAMPLE 250 ml of test sample in a total volume of 1 000 ml (volume fraction of 25 %) represents dilution level  $D = 4$ .

[SOURCE: EN ISO 15088:2008, 3.2, modified — “waste water” replaced by “test sample”]

**3.6****dilution water**

water added to the test sample to prepare a series of defined dilutions

Note 1 to entry: The composition of the water is specified in the specific test.

[SOURCE: EN ISO 20079:2006, 3.7]

**3.7****ecotoxicity test**

method for determining potential adverse effects to biological systems which a sample has an inherent capacity to cause

**3.8****effective concentration**

$EC_x$

concentration of the test sample at which an effect of  $x$  % is measured, if compared to the control

[SOURCE: ISO 20227:2017, 3.1]

**3.9****eluate**

aqueous solution recovered from a leaching test

[SOURCE: CEN/TR 16110:2010, 3.2]

**3.10****leaching test**

laboratory test during which a construction product is put into contact with a leachant under strictly defined conditions for the determination of the release of substances into water

**CEN/TS 17459:2022 (E)****3.11****lowest ineffective dilution  
dilution factor****LID**

lowest ineffective dilution tested, expressed as dilution level  $D$  (3.5), at which no inhibition, or only effects not exceeding the test-specific variability, are observed

[SOURCE: EN ISO 15088:2008, 3.5]

**3.12****storage time**

period of time between filling of the sample container and further treatment of the sample in the laboratory, if stored under predefined conditions

[SOURCE: EN ISO 5667-3:2018, 3.4]

**3.13****test material**

material to be tested

[SOURCE: ISO 17126:2005, 3.3]

**4 Abbreviations**

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviations apply.

CEN/TC	Technical Committee in CEN
CEN/TR	Technical Report adopted by CEN
CEN/TS	Technical Specification adopted by CEN
CI	confidence interval
DOC	dissolved organic carbon
DSLTL	dynamic surface leaching test
EC	effective concentration
EOTA	European Organization for Technical Assessment
LID	lowest ineffective dilution
n.d.	not determined
PI	prediction interval
TOC	total organic carbon

**5 Leaching procedures for ecotoxicological testing****5.1 Suitable leaching tests and selection of fractions from leaching tests****5.1.1 General**

This document is part of a modular horizontal approach and belongs to the analytical step (CEN/TS 16637-1:2018, Figure 2, number 6). This approach was adopted in CEN/TC 351. "Horizontal" means that the methods can be used for products with certain properties as described in

CEN/TS 16637-1. “Modular” means that a test standard developed in this approach concerns a specific step in assessing a property and not the whole “chain of measurement” (from sampling to analyses). Differing from the modules for chemical analyses this document also contains limited modifications to the leaching step (CEN/TS 16637-1:2018, Figure 2, number 5) as detailed below.

A leaching method shall be selected using guidance given in CEN/TS 16637-1. Eluates from the DSLT according to CEN/TS 16637-2 and column test according to CEN/TS 16637-3 are suitable for ecotoxicity tests on the basis of current experience and shall be respectively chosen as the default option, where allowed according to CEN/TS 16637-1.

The selection of fractions from leaching tests for ecotoxicity tests depends on the purpose of the testing approach. Generally, for many construction products the maximum effect is expected to occur with the first elution steps. It is often also practicable to test the first two fractions, because organic substances are not always stable during long immersion periods.

An alternative option for the selection of fractions is to define an indicative parameter (e.g. substances of interest) which is analysed in each eluate fraction. The two fractions with the highest amount of the indicative parameter are combined and tested.

For construction products with continuously releasing compounds, those fractions with the longest contact time from an advanced stage of the leaching procedure can exhibit higher effects. By comparison of effects from different fractions, the longer-term behaviour of the construction products can be assessed. The use of this option should be justified with an indicative parameter.

NOTE For declaration purposes the default options specified in this document are considered adequate.

The results of ecotoxicity tests with the same product, but using a different leaching test are not comparable due to the different test conditions.

### 5.1.2 Dynamic Surface Leaching Test (DSLTL) (CEN/TS 16637-2)

CEN/TS 16637-2 describes a tank test for monolithic construction products of > 40 mm edge length in all directions and for plates or sheets with a surface area of > 100 cm<sup>2</sup> exposed to the eluate. In the standard procedure, this test is carried out for 64 days, while the eluate water is replaced at distinct time intervals (after 6 h, 24 h, 2,25 d, 4 d, 9 d, 16 d, 36 d and 64 d).

In order to generate suitable eluates for ecotoxicity testing the DSLTL according to CEN/TS 16637-2 shall be performed as follows:

- only the first two elution steps after 6 h and additional 18 h are carried out and both eluates are unified for ecotoxicity testing;
- the lower limit of the liquid / surface area relation (L/A), corresponding to 20 l/m<sup>2</sup> (2 ml/cm<sup>2</sup>), is applied in order to maximize the concentration level in the eluates (smallest liquid to surface area).

NOTE These adjustments have been applied in the European round robin tests for the ecotoxicological characterization of construction products [9] [25].

It is recommended to investigate eluates that represent other elution steps, if information on later stages of leaching processes is desired.

### 5.1.3 Horizontal up-flow percolation test (CEN/TS 16637-3)

The horizontal up-flow percolation test is a method to determine the leaching behaviour of non-volatile inorganic and organic substances from granular construction products (without or with size reduction). The construction products are subjected to percolation with water as a function of liquid to solid ratio under specified percolation conditions. The method is a once-through column leaching test.